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**Art Unit 2875**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Inventors: Arnold *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1823.0560000/MVM/LMY

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

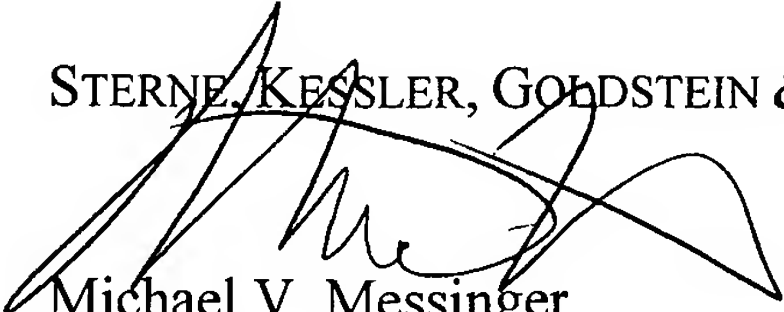
1. Preliminary Amendment; and
2. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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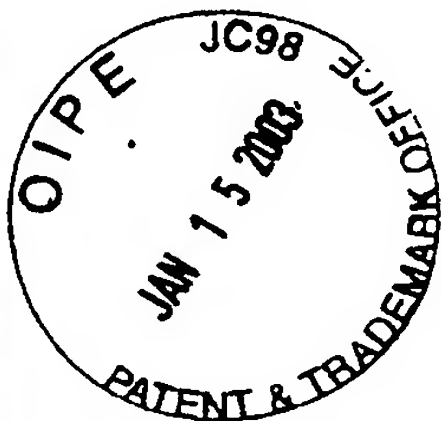
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**Preliminary Amendment**

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Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment is set forth below. Kindly enter this amendment prior to examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;

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